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SUBJECT Moscow/Shchelkovo Airfield

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1. The airfield was south of the CHKALOVSKAYA (55°3' E/55°54' N) railroad station, along the elevated railroad line from MOSCOW to BERLIN (55°11' E/55°51' N).
2. The field, with a spur track, was estimated at 3 to 4 square kilometers. Three presumably parallel taxiways, each 100 feet wide and covered with hexagonal concrete slabs, were in the southeast section of the field. For location of buildings see Annex.
3. A new steel and brick hangar, 66x200x250 feet, was being erected. [redacted] the hangar had been dismantled in the vicinity of BERLIN.
4. The barracks were occupied to capacity by five to eight hundred soldiers.
5. Only jet aircraft were flown at the field. One type had one jet-power plant under the front portion of the fuselage and the other type one jet-power plant under each wing. After being assembled and test flown at the field the aircraft were disassembled, packed in boxes and shipped away.
6. The number of jet aircraft varied from 120 to 150 planes; some days they were parked at the field and other days no planes were seen.
7. There were test stands at the eastern edge of the field, of which three were completed and in operation in October 1947, while three were under construction. [redacted] the test station where the jet-power engine was suspended was 13x25 feet. These arrived in boxes, 8x4x4 feet. They ran on the test

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8. [REDACTED] hundred officers living in a [REDACTED] north of the railroad station did day the jet planes.
9. Parachuting was practiced from about 15 planes, allegedly transports of US make.
10. A Soviet labor service unit of about a thousand men who were allegedly to improve the airfield arrived in October 1947.

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a. Report confirms that the important military experimental field was being improved.

b. The description of the jet-power plant is too general to determine the aircraft type. Taking the period of observation into consideration, only the Yak-15 and Mig-9 types could have been meant. The two-jet power plants of the Mig-9 were frequently erroneously reported to be set under the wings.

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